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For: KEY WORD DERIVING DEVICE, KEY WORD  
DERIVING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
CONTAINING KEY WORD DERIVING PROGRAM

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes amendments to the Abstract, specification and claims.